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PSC TO HOLD HEARING ON EKPC TRANSMISSION LINE IN CLARK, MADISON AND GARRARD COUNTIES *Hearing will be August 2 in Richmond*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 20, 2006) – The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a hearing Thursday, Aug. 2, to receive public comment on a proposal by East Kentucky Power Cooperative Inc. (EKPC) to construct an electric transmission line in Clark, Madison and Garrard counties.

The hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. EDT in Room B of the Perkins Conference Center at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

EKPC has submitted a proposal to construct 35.6 miles of 345 kilovolt transmission line from the J.K. Smith Generating Station in Clark County to the proposed West Garrard substation near Lancaster. Nine miles of the line would be constructed on new right of way and 14.8 miles would be built parallel to an existing transmission line. The remaining 11.8 miles would consist of a rebuild of existing transmission lines.

The application and related documents are available on the PSC Web site, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2006-00463.

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposal may do so at the hearing. Depending on the number of people wishing to speak, the length of oral comments may be limited in order to allow everyone to be heard.

Written comments will be accepted at the hearing. Written comments also may be mailed to the PSC at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, faxed to 502-564-9625 or e-mailed from the PSC Web site.

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The evidentiary hearing in the case will begin at 9 a.m. EDT on Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the PSC offices at 211 Sower Blvd. in Frankfort. There will be no public comments taken at the evidentiary hearing.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Department of Public Protection in the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in the commonwealth of Kentucky and has approximately 110 employees.

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